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REMARKS

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Soviet military quarters in Vienna were occupied as follows on 2 and 3 February 1950:

1. Trost Kaserne

a. Troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets and tank, signal, motor transport and artillery insignia were observed.

b. Seven squads underwent infantry drill on the drill ground behind the kaserne. One squad was armed with submachine guns.

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1. A heavy wire ran from house No 10 on Tolbukhinstrasse to the Trost Kaserne.

2. Garage at 3 Windtenstrasse (near the water tower)

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3. Garage at 97/103 Alxingerstrasse

About 15 trucks were seen in open garages. The repair shop and kitchen were in operation. Troops with red-bordered, black epaulets and motor vehicles were observed:

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4. House No 57 on Columbusgasse

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truck with box-like superstructure and trailer
two trucks parked on the side walk.

5. Houses No 33 and 34 on Leipnitzgasse

Trucks were parked in
front of these houses.

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6. Garage at 83 Bernersdorferstrasse

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7. House No 86 on Biccardsburggasse

Gate guards wore red-bordered, black epaulets. Numerous fire
extinguishers and empty ammunition boxes were seen there.

8. Albrechts and Wilhelms Kasernes

a. Most of the motor vehicles seen in the Kaserne areas were
newly spray-painted and overhauled. They were not used with the
exception of a few employed in hauling supplies. Observed troops
wore red-bordered, black epaulets with tank, motor transport and
artillery insignia.

b. About 50 tank trucks (35 were counted), about 30 trucks (20
were counted) and 10 trucks with box-like superstructure were
observed. More motor vehicles were stored in garages which
could not be seen from the outside.

c. The following motor vehicles were identified:

(1) In the fuel dump west of the Albrechts Kaserne:

tank truck

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9. Former Artillerie Kaserne on Landwehrstrasse, Kaiserebersdorf 50X1-HUM
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a. Two soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets and carrying signal equipment (buzzer, steel helmets with headphones) were observed.

b. Numerous practice targets were seen in the kaserne yard. Reports by rifles were heard from the direction of the Danube Canal.

c. There was very little activity.

d. [] the kaserne was used as quarters for troops attending a course of instruction or as an equipment storage depot. 50X1-HUM

[] Comment:

[] officers frequently wore tank insignia on collar patches and not, as before, on epaulets. 50X1-HUM

[] Comment:

a. [] the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in the Trost Kaserne, Vienna. 50X1-HUM

b. [] the Albrecht and the Wilhelm Kasernes are occupied by at least one motor transport unit, possibly the 722d Motor Trans Ln of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM

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